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THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

Justice Cox, Lecturer on Common Law, is presented in an interesting manner to the Call's many readers.

Twenty-three years ago Walter Smith Cox, a leading lawyer of this District, was induced to except a professorship in the Columbian University Law School in place of Professor Kennedy whose advanced years compelled him to retire from the school. Professor Cox then regarded it a temporary arrangement, but his services have been continuous; and let us hope for the sake of Columbian that the relation he has sustained to this institution during nearly a quarter of a century may be unbroken for many years.

What Professor Cox has been to Columbian University Law School, and the thousands of boys who have gathered within her walls is too well known and too highly appreciated to warrant a rehearsal here. He has brought to his work the culture of a thorough classical course of study at Georgetown College. To this has been added a course at the Harvard Law School. Throw into the balance a long period of successful practice in which he represented many of the leading enterprises of this section of the country, notably the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. Crown all these superb qualifications with ten years experience on the bench, and we begin to understand the resources and qualifications of the first Dean of Columbian Law School.

If you want to know something that does not come within the exceptions in the rule in Shelly's case, or under some one of the numerous heads Professor Cox discusses, call at his beautiful home on I street, and induce him to tell you something of his school life and of his experience at the bar and on the bench.

After vigorous cross questioning your writer ascertained from Professor Cox that at the age of seventeen he graduated from Georgetown, leading his class in scholarship. Such information is not usually hard to obtain, but the professor's traditional modesty deters him from

speaking of his own achievements. He smiled, when questioned about his work at Harvard, as he proceeds to explain how easy it was to receive a degree at that institution then as compared with that and other law schools of today. In the first place there were no lectures and there were no examinations. The professors quizzed daily, that was all. It was possible for any one to matriculate, pay his fees regularly, and receive a degree without hardly opening a law book.

Professor Cox was ahead of time always, and was very restive for the time to come when he would be eligible for the bar. On his twenty-first birthday he took his place with the legal fraternity. His father, Clem-

"that he might learn a little criminal law." His request was granted. Four months passed in the trial of minor criminal offenses, when the appalling assassination of President Garfield occurred, and it fell to his court to try Charles Julius Guiteau. All eyes were turned to Justice Cox who was presiding for the first time over a capital trial. The terrible strain of that three months trial was intensified by the merciless and unreasonable criticisms of the press all over the country notably the New York papers. But with a fortitude that has always stood him in hand he carried the trial to a conclusion; and the very papers who traduced him most have ever since been loud-est in his praise.

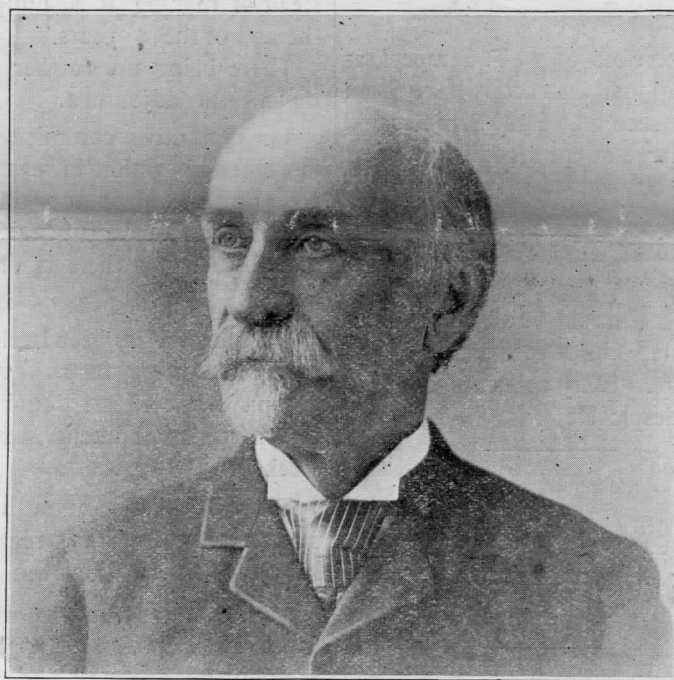
twelve of the most eminent English judges representing the King's Bench, the Common Pleas and the Exchequer.

That tribunal held if a man knew his act was against a positive law of the land, it was sufficient to make him criminally responsible. Judge Cox after the most careful research reversed this doctrine, laid it down as law that it is necessary for a man to know the act committed was morally wrong, that he might know it was against the law of the land but be so insane as to think himself above all positive law. This was a great innovation, but its soundness is no longer questioned, and while the English profess to adhere to the doctrines of McNaghten case, still Professor Cox's rulings are always quoted, and receive much respect as is evidenced in the late Reil trial, which occurred in Canada a few years ago. It would be a grand idea for every Columbian student to read the instructions to the jury in the Guiteau trial.

It is a singular coincidence that while Professor Cox's inclinations lead him away from criminal law, some of his strongest decisions have been upon this branch. It was only a few years ago when the Howard Schneider murder case in this District was before him on appeal, sitting in general term, that he advanced the doctrine that because a witness had formed an opinion upon newspaper accounts as to the guilt of a man, this did not disqualify him as a witness if the judge considered he was capable of an impartial verdict.

It is remarkable that out of the two assassinations of American Presidents, Professor Cox has distinguished himself most in the profession. He was counsel for Arnold and O'Laughlin who were tried at the Arsenal in this city as supposed accomplices of Booth. They escaped the gallows and were sent to prison for life. As Judge Cox went to the Arsenal to bid these men farewell, he found himself entrapped practically and was forced to witness the execution of Mrs. Surrat, Paine, Atzerott and Herrold.

Next October Justice Cox will be eligible to retire from the bench, having attained the age of seventy and having been ten years on the bench. It is not unlikely he will retire about the time of the opening of congress next year when his successor can be



JUSTICE WALTER S. COX.

ent Cox, who was a very eminent lawyer in this District died soon afterwards, and his immense practice fell upon his son.

It was with reluctance Professor Cox accepted the justiceship to which he was appointed in 1879 by President Hayes. It was a financial sacrifice for him, but who can question that the honor he has attained in this capacity and the contributions he has made to the great fund of English law does not outweigh any monetary consideration.

At one of the meetings of the District justices of the Supreme Court called for the purpose of making court assignments for the year, Professor Cox asked that he be given the criminal court, as he puts it,

While the defense of insanity has been often set up in criminal practice, it was never so thoroughly investigated as in this case. Many of Judge Cox's rulings upon the responsibility of a criminal for his acts were entirely new, and have since become recognized and quoted as sound law the world over. During the trial, in addition to the duties of the law school which were faithfully executed, he examined every case reported in this country and England bearing upon insanity as a defense.

For years the famous English case known as the McNaghten decision had been the recognized law of the English speaking people upon this subject. This case had been referred by the British House of Lords to

selected and confirmed.

But retirement from the bench does not mean abandonment of the law. It would be impossible for a man of his temperament to do this, his life has been an active one, and he will remain in the harness until the end. His present plans will entail the most onerous of his undertakings, that of codifying the laws of the District of Columbia. This he believes would be a fitting monument to his memory. He has already outlined his work and will devote his spare moments to it until he leaves the bench when he will push the work rapidly.

As a law educator Justice Cox is entitled to full credit for being the first to conceive the idea and put in operation a post graduate course in practice. This was a great advance in law school work, and today there is hardly a reputable law school in the country which does not offer a course of this character.

Professor Cox holds exactly the same feeling toward the Columbian Law School you would expect a man of his enthusiasm and sincerity to hold. He has had a growth with it. It is part of him and he is part of it. The wisdom of his council and the products of his labors are stamped upon it everywhere. And let us hope that in the latter days of his life he will have enlarged opportunity to give Columbian law students the benefit of his useful life.

Exchange.

We notice this week a change in the management of the newsy and attractive *Review* of the Central High School. Miss A. W. Wasserback, who has so ably conducted the work of the "Post's Amateur Writers," takes charge from this date, and we feel warranted in saying that the *Review* will more than maintain its previous good standing.

The CALL is glad to hear of the recovery of Mr. Avis of the law school. Readers of the CALL will remember the brilliant record Mr. Avis made in foot ball last fall—and then the unfortunate accident he met with in the last game of the season between the University team and the Picked Washington team.

Dental Dots.

The gentleman who kindly removed the key from the front door of the Dental Infirmary on Saturday last will exhibit his kindly intentions by returning the key to Dr. Hagan, the demonstrator.

University News.

Academy.

At this time of the year there can not be much news. Everyone is too busy to do anything in particular but we will start up afresh with the second term. The examinations are over and there are a good many sore heads all around as a result. Nevertheless we are indebted to our professors for their kind efforts to supply us with work. Apropos of "False Estimation," however, our honorable corps of instructors certainly don't under-appreciate their respective hobbies.—*Q. E. D., last week.*

That long-heralded lecture from Prof. Cleveland Abbe will occur this Friday, the gods prevailing. By the gods we mean Prof. Cleveland Abbe, *et al.*

A. C. Morgan was on the sick list this week, which fact deterred him from French examination on Wednesday.

The services of A. T. Sempers, as an additional instructor, have been recently secured. Prof. Sempers will have charge of the second and third English classes and the essays of the entire school. We cordially wish him success.

We beg to remark, merely as a hint, that it might be a good thing to distribute some of those lathe ballots over here. Sixty votes are not altogether despicable.

Medical Notes.

Oh, it's fun for the Junior heart,
And it's bliss to the Junior ear
When professors solemnly ask:
"Is Dr. Leatherman here?"

Dr. J. Ford Thompson, lecturer on surgery, devoted a portion of his hour in having the fourth year men demonstrate their ability in amputating. This practical showing of surgical knowledge in the lecture room is a new departure; but the gentlemen thus far have gotten bravely through the ordeal, despite the facetious remarks of their classmates.

Some hardhearted seniors are asking Mr. Hartsoch about his finger. They really oughtn't to do it. It might hurt his feelings, and that would never do. Besides, we cannot all be experts in surgery.

The medical "class" held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday the 4th instant. Mr. Lemon, the president, called the meeting to order. Mr. Huntington, the secretary, read-

ing the minutes of the last meeting. The most important business at that time being the announcement of the executive and reception committees. Mr. Lemon then said: "It has been fixed by the executive committee that the graduating class pay five dollars, the third year men three dollars, the second two and the first one dollar." The president then went on to state that the name of a member, if the class who did not pay his dues would not appear on the programs or invitations. He then cautioned the men against letting this occur and drew their attention to the appearance of the invitations and programs last year, which were slightly marred by not having more names. He also stated that a certain percentage of invitations would be given to members of the various individual classes.

"It costs about ten or eleven dollars a man," Mr. Lemon continued, "for the schools; and the dues are divided up according to the years instead of making it a lump sum at the end of the 4 years."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The executive committee have as yet taken no action in regard to deciding on the place for holding the commencement exercises. They probably think there is plenty of time.

Dr. Morgan has been lately giving some interesting facts in regard to opium. He will no doubt have to return the compliment in some few weeks.

There is a tendency on the part of some congenial spirits to regale themselves by singing between lectures.

We hope the same may continue. It is at the least preferable to the inharmonious hooting which is occasionally indulged in.

College News.

Prof. Schoenfeld has been ill for some days, from overwork, but will have examination marks ready today.

In Fresh, Latin, Misses McKildren and Draper and Messrs. Barnes and Gordon were the only ones who made A. THE CALL congratulates them.

Junior and Senior Chemical examinations occurred last Monday.

Dr. Huntington's examinations in Greek were of the usual seven hour length, but the students were supposed to cover them in four hours. This is, to say the least, a little hard on the students.

Columbian College Chess and Checker Club met for the first regular play last Monday. The com-

mittee on constitution has drawn up a constitution and luckily a short one. Clubs sometimes die from too much constitution.

Most of those taking Soph. Chemistry passed, in spite of general fears to the contrary.

Mr. Henning's examinations were very acceptable to all the classes. Mr. Shuster of the Sophomore is particularly happy over the nature of the questions.

Second term was ushered in by rain last Monday. The ground hog saw his shadow the day before and started in early.

Prof. Montague states that taking them altogether, the Latin students did better in their examinations this year than ever before.

Miss Mary I. Kelly, '97, took the highest mark of any given in college in the Latin examinations.

Dean Montague is sending out five or six hundred circulars to citizens of Washington, requesting that each send him the names of six or eight young men or women now in the high schools or any preparatory schools of Washington, in order to furnish them catalogues and other information with a view to bringing them into the student body of Columbian.

Dr. Gore delivered a short time ago a lecture on "Holland's War with the Sea" before the students of Cornell University. He also recently discussed the metric system before a committee of the House of Representatives.

The first article in Bulletin No. 2., Department of Labor (just out) is "The Poor Colonies of Holland," by Dr. Gore.

Law Notes.

The *Daily Picayune* of New Orleans, in a brilliant write-up of the State Legislature, presents a good picture of Senator W. B. Dixon, '95, and concludes some remarks on the young statesman as follows:

"Senator Dixon is of pleasing address and strong intellect, coupled with an energy and will power that knows not the word failure, as shown by his achievements. This young Mississippian has a brilliant future before him. Mr. Dixon is married and has a boy 4 years old."

Julius V. Hoeffer, '95, passed the bar examination at Columbus in December and is now practicing law with his father at Woodfield, Ohio.

L. D. Basye was called away last week by the death of his brother.

At a meeting of the senior class

Joshua S. Zimmerman was elected historian, with Robert F. Livingston as assistant. The work of preparing the biographies and the matter to be incorporated in the book will begin immediately.

It is said upon good authority that the debating society has never in its entire history been favored with such a copious supply of statistics as were cast upon an unsuspecting audience during the tariff discussion on last Saturday evening.

Columbian always takes her share of the good things of life. On Tuesday last the following students upheld our good name at the Southern Ball at National Rifles' Armory: Messrs. Epes, Jordan Kingsland, Veazie, Martin, Alden, Hendrick, Harris, Baisseau and Deyer.

The members of the junior class are sorry to note the withdrawal of Mr. B. G. Tunstall from their number. His genial disposition has made him a host of friends. We trust that he will be with us next year and give his time and talents to the law.

C. V. Gates, of the junior class, after a stay of several weeks in West Virginia, is again at his work.

Scientific.

Clark Cross, owing to the death of a young brother, has been absent from his college work for a few days. He has the sympathy of his classmates in his sad loss.

"The bee," said the dean of the scientific school a few days ago before an enthusiastic audience of one, "from its singular instincts, its active industry, and the useful products resulting from its labors, has, from the remotest times, attracted general attention and interest. The characteristics of these busy little creatures are often noted among the genus *Homo* of the species *Magni factores*. Messrs. Bieler and Biehl are two busy B's of the last-named order, for these homoniferous insects have secured more signed ballots for that \$1,500 lathe than all of the other one hundred and ninety-eight students in the scientific school. Up to the present time Mr. Bieler has come to the swarm with 1,500 ballots. Mr. Biehl is a close second. As I stated in a previous lecture, the *Apis dulcis* has been excluded from the hive, but the work already accomplished by this important member of the swarm will nevertheless form part of the wax sent to the market. The prolific workers will now have to double their energies as other hives are swarming

about the lathe," and the dean pulled from his pocket a postal card, and sighed, and looked unutterable things, as he exhibited it to his audience.

The Sibley Scientific College of Cornell University is sending all over the country postal cards which have printed on the back the following:

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"We, the undersigned, vote for Sibley College, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.," and then follows lines for the signatures.

Fifty thousand more ballots have been ordered for Columbia and can be had of the dean. Come early and avoid the discomfort occasioned by standing long in line. We've simply got to get that lathe, and that's all there is about it. We have only a little over two weeks more, so—

Up! up! my friends, and quit your books,

Or surely there'll be trouble!

Up! up! my friends, and clear your looks.

Those ballots we must double.

With apologies to Wordsworth.

The Washington Harvard Alumni numbers about 185 active members. It is interesting to note that over ten percent of these Alumni are either Professors or P. G.'s in Columbia University. The following comprise the list: Professor Cleveland Abbe; Professor Cleveland Abbe, jr., ('94); Professor Frank H. Bigelow, ('73); Judge Andrw Coyle Bradley, ('67); Mr. Alfred H. Brooks, ('94); Professor Thomas M. Chatard, ('71); Professor Frank W. Clarke, ('67); Mr. Ewing Cockrell; Professor Andrew F. Craven, ('89); Professor Henry Edgar Davis, ('77); Professor George Neely Henning, ('94); Professor Charles Edward Monroe, ('71); Professor Simon Newcomb, Major John W. Powell; Mr. Chester W. Purington, ('93); Professor Charles T. Sempers, ('88); Professor George J. Smith, ('95); Professor J. McBride Sterrett, ('70); Professor Harvey W. Wiley, ('73); and Professor William C. Winlock, ('80).

Professor Ameteis is at present working on another competitive statue-model to be submitted to the Canadian Government.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1896.

SOME MOTT HAVEN TALK.

THE Meca of all college athletes
is Mott Haven and its wonder-
ful annual games. What the Olympic
contests were to the Greek youths
these games are becoming to Amer-
ican university life. Why should
not Columbian be represented at the
contests next May? We have in our
ranks some as promising athletes as
ever matriculated at any institution.
In Schade we have a bicycle rider
who has not a peer in amateur ranks.
It is an odds-on bet that he would
defeat all comers. C. T. Cabrera,
too, is declared by the sports to be
fast as a ghost, with a sprinting rec-
ord of ten and a-half seconds for a
hundred yards on the cinder path.
In addition there are Cummings, C.
Harris, Donald McDonald and others
of the same kind that are warranted
to show a clean pair of heels to com-
petitors in the sprinting contests. A
man or two for vaulting, another to
put the shot, another to send the
hammer flying farther than any man
on the field, and you have a team
that should come home with a good
share of the prizes. It would mean
a big advertisement for Columbian.

Men who win at Mott Haven become
national characters.

In order to be admitted to the con-
tests Columbian must prove that she
has a fully organized athletic associa-
tion, and it would seem with the en-
ergy that was displayed last fall that
there should be no trouble in perfect-
ing such an organization. Work
should begin right away, not in a
haphazard or desultory manner, but
under a system that will take care of
finances, and train the men to the
end that the best possible showing
may be made. C. T. Cabrera, with
authority to do so, has kindly offered
the grounds occupied by the Colum-
bia Club people for training purposes
at no cost to the institution. We have
the men, we have the grounds, now
will the proper amount of energy ex-
hibit itself to get the work of organ-
ization and training under head-
way?

There is another matter that de-
mands the attention of the men who
believe that Columbian has the power
to lead, or at least be well to the
front, in athletic contests. The foot
ball team has been organized for next
season's work. Their playing last
year has proved that with proper
training and proper management
they can make a creditable, if not a
winning, record. What the foot ball
team needs, then, is a good manager,
a man with administrative ability. If
the University possesses a student
who has had experience in handling
athletic organizations he should make
himself known. Among one thou-
sand students there should be some
one with a good executive head for
this work. If you know anything
on this subject say so in a letter ad-
dressed to the captain of the foot ball
team, care of the University.

This past season has emphasized
the need of some recognized head
for athletic work. This is not writ-
ten in a spirit of carping criticism,
but the subject of athletics needs
some straight talk for the benefit of
the University.

The division of the faculty that is
supposed to watch the muscular in-
terests of the school fails to grasp
the nature of its work. It must get
closer to the students, to the ones,
we mean, who take a great interest
in physical contests. They should
pass upon the fitness of men put in
positions of trust, and contracts and
decisive moves should, to a certain
extent, have their sanction and be
subject to their control. To have
some enterprise fail solely because it
was not properly managed is a reflec-
tion on faculty, students and institu-
tion. Management that manages is
absolutely necessary.

AS TO THE GRAMMARIAN.

FIRST of all he is a necessary ele-
ment in intelligent life. The
English language, the part that is
governed by certain fixed laws and
customs, is largely the product of his
labors, and to-day we judge a man's
learning largely by the purity and
correctness of his speech. In the
primary stage of a child's education
we are devoting more time to the
subject of grammar, arguing that if
the principles are well founded he
will have but little trouble in mas-
tering the finer phases in later life.
To the man who teaches clean, whole-
some expression we have the most
profound respect. It is only when
he becomes an expert master of the
art of splitting grammatical hairs
that we long for the sign language
and the deadly silence of a Quaker
meeting.

When he begins to pose as gram-
matical authority he becomes an
adept in the art of approaching the
subject. Of course he is disinterested
and only calls your attention to the
little slip with the desire of making
your transcendent genius of greater
power to suffering humanity. Would
it not be better to say beginning in-
stead of commencing? Commencing
has a French origin, you know, and
beginning is such a good English
word. The committee to whom was
referred or the committee to which
was referred gives him some trouble
and he waxes eloquent on politics are
or politics is.

Sometimes he enlarges upon the
subject of ending a sentence with a
preposition.

At times, though, he becomes
something more than a necessary
nuisance. For instance, when he
takes a book by some well known
author and makes marginal notes
that call attention to glaring errors.
The Congressional Library contains
a popular book by Hawthorne at
which our expert has labored long
and earnestly. Numerous pages are
defaced by his apologetic corrections.
It is a test of temper to read that
mutilated volume. One of this gram-
matical school once lived in the Ohio
valley. His special hobby was Web-
ster's Bunker Hill speech. Ah, but
he could riddle it. As Julian Ralph's
Bowery boy would say, he made "a
monkey" of the great Daniel. But
the speech is still thundering through
the school readers and the peda-
gogue, unhonored and unsung, is
hard asleep in the little neglected
burial ground. That is the trouble,
grammatical virtue brings not its
own reward.

The CALL is moved to these re-
marks by the comments of certain

gentlemen who are disposed to criti-
cise its typographical and grammat-
ical make-up. We frankly admit
that slips of type and language do
appear. The gentlemen who edit
and read the proof prior to going to
press are busy fellows. They are
carrying a bit more than the average
share of work and they have not the
time to prune and glean the matter
as they should. They try to have
the news—and it will be remembered
that the CALL is simply a news-
paper—expressed in an intelligent
manner, in line with the demands of
modern day journalism and in as
concise a manner as possible. Fur-
ther than this they do not attempt to
go.

Apropos of this talk we conclude
with some sentiments recently ex-
pressed by the *Atlanta Constitu-*
tion:

It is true that Homer sometimes nods,
but we have never heard that Homer fell
out of his chair and had to be put to bed.
For our part, we never felt more com-
fortably at ease than when breaking some
of the absurd and senseless rules of some
one of the six thousand different English
grammars that have been published. As,
for instance, when we use will for shall,
and shall for will, or commit some more
tempestuous but perfect idiomatic blun-
der. There is such a thing as English
grammar, but it has never been put in
print, and never will be, for, in its es-
sence, it belongs to things that are psych-
ological in their nature. Those who
want to learn how not to write English
should absorb three or four hundred
grammars. They will thus be able to
acquire the Gould-Brown style of writ-
ing. There were no English grammars
in existence when the great masterpieces
of our language were written.

For a Good Yarn.

The following communication ex-
plains itself:

OFFICE OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS,
15 Wall Street,
NEW YORK, Jan. 30, 1896.

Gentlemen: *The Bachelor of Arts*
offers a prize of \$125.00 for the best
short story written by an under-
graduate subscriber. The particulars
and terms of competition are ex-
plained in the February number.

We should be extremely obliged
to you if you would call attention
through your columns, to this offer,
as we feel sure a number of the stu-
dents who read your paper would be
glad to compete.

Thanking you in advance for your
kindness we remain,

Yours, respectfully,
BACHELOR OF ARTS.

He Bowls.

Dr. J. McBride Sterritt, the Uni-
versity's well known Professor in
Philosophy, has been elected presi-
dent of the Washington Cricket Club.
We extend congratulations with the
hope that in the excitement of the
games he will not be driven to using
an English accent.

Law School Debating Society.

FEB. 1, 1896.

The Society met in the Lecture Hall at the usual hour with the President in the chair.

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

The question for debate was: "Resolved, that the best interest of the country would be promoted by the immediate re-enactment of the McKinley Tariff Law." Speakers: Affirmative, Messrs. Martin Jr., Alden and Frith; Negative, Messrs. Bonebreak, Boisseau and Stamper. Judges, Messrs. Joens, Macey and Spellman. On conclusion of the regular debate, the question was open to general debate. It soon became evident that the question was decidedly a live one, half a dozen members endeavoring to secure the floor at once, and the house for a time presenting a scene very similar to those witnessed on tariff days on the Hill.

Messrs. Dalton, Hendrick, Clay, Hines, Bliss, Fisher, Wike, Symons, Davis, Moore, Gram and Macey were recognized in the order named and presented arguments pro and con.

To prevent a desecration of the Sabbath, debate was, on motion, closed. On the merits of the question the Society voted 23 for the negative and 11 for the affirmative; the judges found unanimously for the negative.

The Executive Committee reported four questions for debate, of which number two were chosen, as follows:

"Resolved, that the government should own and operate the railroads and telegraph lines of the country," and,

"Resolved, that the right of suffrage should be extended to women."

The first question was, by motion, substituted for the question previously selected for debate on the 15, instant, the public debaters having chosen that question for the 3d public debate on the 22d instant, and second one was assigned for discussion on the 29th instant.

The names of W. B. Pugh and J. W. Wright were proposed for membership and the sec'y, on motion, cast unanimous vote for their election.

On motion the society adjourned.

W. M. SMITH, Sec'y.

"Meals but no Males."

This was the startling motto that appeared on the door of the girl's room on Friday, January 31st, the last day of the mid-year examination.

The curious "male" passed into the room, and what was his surprise

to see a long table loaded with sandwiches, cake, fruit, olives, pickles, candy and all the things essential to the quenching of the appetite for hungry girls, and at each end of the table a beautiful bunch of flowers, presented by a thoughtful Junior.

The college girls were to have a spread!

It had been talked of for several weeks, and Friday at one o'clock was the time set for the joyful occasion. Of course there were to be no boys according to the motto, for their appetites are far too large, and the girls had decided they would have a much better time without them.

Promptly at half past one the door was closed, and the girls, eighteen in number, sat down to the feast. French is a very good appetizer, and the number of sandwiches that disappeared was shocking to relate. After the girls had somewhat filled the "aching void within," the most interesting part of the entertainment took place.

Miss Kelly, one of the Juniors, was appointed toast master, and after a very graceful speech asked Miss Metcalf to respond to a toast to the "new library carpet." Miss Metcalf's speech was short but to the point, and her witticisms were enjoyed by the girls.

Then followed Miss Ross on the "Philosophy Class," and her description of the class was highly edifying and gave the Sophomores and Freshman something to look forward to.

A toast to "Our Professor of French" was responded to by Miss Bradford, and then came "The Columbian Girls," by Miss McGowan. She made a short speech, and closed her remarks by a request that we should all rise and give the yell. This was done with a vim that would have surprised some of the other sex who believe that girls can yell only at a very tender age.

The last toast was the new motto, and was responded to by Mrs. Ramsey, the only married woman present. It was rather a delicate position for her, but she extricated herself gracefully by saying that "men in general are very interesting but particular men very nice."

Then the flowers were distributed by Miss Kelly, and thus ended a most delightful occasion, which is the first of its kind, but we hope not the last in the annals of Columbia University.

Those present were:

Mrs. Ramsey and Misses Morrison, Kelly, Hinman, Johnson, McKelden, Draper, McGowan, Kelton, Quinn, Fussell, Harwood, Bingham, Upton, Metcalf, Wilson, Ross and Bradford.

A FEDERATION**OF GRADUATE CLUBS—REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING.****A Matter of Interest to Columbian Graduates.**

President Ramsey of the Columbian Graduates has received the following communication, which explains itself:

COLUMBIA COLLEGE,
NEW YORK CITY,
January, 27, 1896.

MR. M. M. RAMSEY, President of Graduate Club, Columbian Univ.

DEAR MR. RAMSEY: Through your delegate, Dr. Farquhar, you have doubtless had report of the convention. The enclosed letter will therefore the more easily explain itself.

The letter is being sent, through the Secretaries of Graduate Clubs, to each member of the club. In a day or two some thirty copies will be mailed you. Will you kindly give them to the Secretary of your club, requesting him to send them to the members?

I shall be most glad to hear from you in regard to your club—with any suggestions as to ways in which the Federation as a whole may be benefited.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK L. LUQUEER.

To the Federation of Graduate Clubs.

It would seem well, after the meeting and dispersion of the convention recently held in Philadelphia, to gather up some of the things done by that convention, and to start beating (if your committee may aspire so high) the pulse of the new federation by a note of suggestion and request.

The following nineteen colleges and universities were represented at the convention; Barnard, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Chicago, Clark, Columbia, Columbian, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Radcliffe, Western Reserve, Wisconsin and Yale.

The day sessions were held in Houston Hall, a new and splendidly equipped club house, designed, as stated by the dedicatory tablet, "for the daily use of the students of the University." The federation as a whole congratulates the University of Pennsylvania in its new possession. It is hoped that it is but the precursor of similar buildings at our other universities.

A kind word of greeting to the convention was spoken by Prof. Fullerton. He dwelt upon the intercommunity of feeling that should characterize bodies of advanced stu-

dents at various institutions. Small rivalries should not spread beyond the football field. All universities and all groups of graduate students should work as members of one high republic, limited neither to class nor sex, but only to those having the requisite intellectual and spiritual aims.

The one regret of the delegates is that the entire membership of the clubs could not be present.

Out of all that was said and done, we may mention:

1. The publication of the Handbook of Graduate Courses was again determined upon. As before, Mr. Duniway, of the Harvard Club, will be editor-in-chief. This letter would content itself with the simple announcement, urging, however, that all club members become subscribers to this inexpensive but very useful handbook.

2. It was resolved that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole subject of migration of graduate students, and to present at the next convention a detailed report, including any statistics of interest, and recommendations concerning such migration both in America and abroad. Prof. Lamberton, of the University of Pennsylvania, is the chairman of the committee.

3. There was also appointed a committee, including Dr. H. T. Lickers, of Clark University, to investigate the subject of granting degrees,—the history, the present conditions and abuses of such granting. The committee's report will be submitted at the next convention.

The co-operation of all is invited in gathering the data needed for the above reports.

4. A Federation of Graduate Clubs was effected. The Federation is intended to include all clubs of graduate students, whether of institutions represented in the handbook or not. Its large purpose is, "to aid the development of graduate study in America." This it will try to do by its bringing clubs into closer touch with each other, by organizing clubs in colleges not yet in the federation, and by various meetings and publications.

REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF EACH GRADUATE CLUB.

In order that the Executive Committee may have accurate information and may use such information as an arm of its work, secretaries of clubs are asked to send the undersigned a statement of the number of graduate students at their institutions, all official programs relating to graduate work, bulletins regarding the research of advanced students, notices of their articles or books—in short,

anything that will help to make the central board conscious of what members of the federation are doing.

It is further requested of the secretaries that they send before March 1st, some account of their clubs—the exact number of members, frequency and character of meetings, and the like. This material will aid in the successful organization of new clubs; and, by interchange of ideas, will increase the interest in those already formed.

For the Executive Committee,
FREDERIC L. LUQUEER.
Columbia College, New York,
January, 1896.

The Proper Care of the Teeth.

The teeth placed at the beginning of the alimentary canal hold an important relation to the digestive functions and through them to the entire body. They have inseparable connections with the circulatory, respiratory and nervous functions of the body. The teeth because of their important relationship demand and should receive the highest degree of care.

For the purposes of study the periods of the eruption of the teeth are classified under three heads, viz.: First dentition, consisting of the temporary, milk or baby teeth, numbering twenty; second dentition, consisting of the permanent teeth, numbering when fully erupted thirty-two, and third dentition, consisting of those teeth erupting after sixty years, which like the gift of so-called second sight, is largely imaginary.

The permanent teeth should be brushed and cleansed with unvarying regularity at least twice daily, upon retiring and upon rising, and after each meal with a quill toothpick.

Many mistaken ideas prevail as to the proper kinds of tooth-brushes to be used. It is generally conceded by the best informed dentists that the ideal tooth-brush has not yet been devised, but the one which more nearly approaches it should be of medium size, having moderately soft bristles, sufficiently separated singly or in small bunches to permit of their free insinuation between the interproximate spaces, thus favoring the more thorough removal of particles of food that may have lodged there during the processes of mastication. The brush should be given an up and down or rotatory motion, never a straight across motion which will cause the irritation of the gums and in time their recession from the necks of the teeth. The best dentifrices should combine the following qualities, viz: They should be capa-

ble of producing friction; pleasant to the taste; free from acids and strong alkaline; incapable of leaving a soluble residue and at all times capable of allaying irritation.

A powder dentifrice is more desirable than a liquid one, and for a mouth otherwise healthy the following will generally meet all requirements.

Prepared chalk, 3 ounces, pulverized orris root, 3 ounces, and oil of winter-green, 20 drops.

After thorough cleansing with brush and powder following the suggestions outlined above, pieces of floss silk should be flicked through the contiguous surfaces of the teeth to more successfully remove any particles of food that may have escaped the brush. Small rubberbands moistened with glycerine will be found desirable substitutes for the floss silk. Floss silk can be obtained at the office of any dentist or at the dental depots or the nearest drug store.

Natural teeth are always to be preferred to artificial ones and it should be a cardinal rule to have the teeth thoroughly examined by a dentist at least once a year, better once every six months.

In concluding this article I would especially emphasize the importance of the thorough mastication of the food, chewing alternately upon each side of the mouth, this being nature's method for cleansing the teeth and all essential for the processes of digestion.

LEWELLYN JORDAN, M. D.

Dental Dots.

1. Never use arsenic on temporary teeth; use iodine instead.
2. Never fail to thoroughly masticate the food. It cleanses the teeth and promotes digestion.
3. Don't forget that final examinations are only a few weeks off.

To those who work hard and receive plenty of criticism the following philosophy from James Whitcomb Riley is offered as solace:

My doctrine is to lay aside
Contention and be satisfied,
Just do your best, and praise or blame
That follows that, counts just the same.
I've always noticed great success
Is mixed with trouble more or less
And it's the man who does his best
That gets more kicks than all the rest.

An important meeting of the dental classes will be held on the first Wednesday in February, the 5th proximo. All are earnestly requested to be present. A full attendance of the senior class is especially desirable as a valedictorian will be elected at this meeting.

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Theatre Talk.

NATIONAL THEATRE.

Perhaps no actor before the public is more universally admired, both in his public and private character, than Sol Smith Russell, who will begin his engagement at the National Theatre, on Monday, February 10th. Every creation which he has made his own has been the result of long and careful study and observation of real life. In his new play "An Every-Day Man" it is said Mr. Russell has added another great character creation to his repertoire of plays. But the growing feature of the engagement, it is safe to say, will center in his first appearance here as "Bob Acres" in "The Rivals" Sheridan's famous comedy which Mr. Russell has been ambitious to present for some time, and which upon its initial performance lately, scored a triumph which elevates the fame of Sol Smith Russell to an altitude heretofore explored only by Joseph Jefferson, John E. Owens, and one or two others. Mr. Russell has given the piece a splendid setting in every way and has also strengthened his company expressly for this revival, so that aside from the pleasure of welcoming him in "An Every-Day Man" his local admirers will have an opportunity of attesting their appreciation of his last big undertaking.

Personally, Mr. Russell is receiving the encouragement and assistance of not only Mr. Jefferson, who has expressed a lively interest in Mr. Russell's success, but also of others who regard him as the most promising candidate for high comedy honors before the public.

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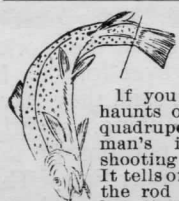
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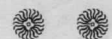
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